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BLEND

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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

Please consider the following comments and accompanying declaration.

REMARKS:

Claims 1-8 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,174,838 issued to Sandstrom in view of either of European Patent 410,311, European Patent 461,329 or Japanese Publication 1-135847. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Accompanying this response is signed declaration of Paul Harry Sandstrom. This is the second declaration of Mr. Sandstrom that has been filed in the above-identified patent application. As stated in Mr. Sandstrom's second declaration, he is the same Paul Sandstrom appearing as a named inventor on the primary reference. The rubber compound used in the tread base in his patent is comprised of at least one diene rubber and a high trans 1,4-polybutadiene rubber. The tread cap rubber compound is formulated to provide good skid resistance, tread wear and rolling resistance. The tread base rubber compound is formulated to enhance rolling resistance and durability of the tire. The